

## **International Travel Plan**

### **TRIP NAME: UNFCCC Technical Expert Group on Non-CO<sub>2</sub> gases Meeting Plenary Presentation, Bonn, Germany**

#### **1. Name of traveler, title and office location:**

Henry Ferland  
Co-Director, Administrative Support Group  
Global Methane Initiative (GMI)  
Climate Change Division  
US EPA

#### **2. Country destination:** Bonn, Germany

#### **3. Dates of travel:** October 21-23, 2014

#### **4. Event:**

The traveler is the co-director of the GMI Secretariat and will be traveling to Bonn to participate in a UNFCCC Secretariat-organized technical experts meeting focused on the subject of Non-CO<sub>2</sub> gases.

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#### **5. Description/Justification**

The United Nations Climate Change secretariat sent a direct invite to the GMI Administrative Support Group asking the ASG to participate in a technical experts meeting that they are holding on the subject of Non-CO<sub>2</sub> gases. Specifically they have asked GMI to provide an overview of experience, state of play at the global level, best practice mitigation actions, benefits and barriers in addressing CH<sub>4</sub> emissions.

This is an excellent opportunity for GMI as it could enable the Initiative to begin building a relationship with UNFCCC, and will provide us an opportunity to network with delegates from GMI partner countries at a critical time as we consider the future of GMI and how it might build synergies and better collaborate with other international institutions focused on methane (such as this UNFCCC expert group). The timing is particularly valuable given that this event takes place the week after GMI's Steering Committee Meeting in Montreal. This event is the first time UNFCCC has sought GMI input for our work in methane, and addressing this group would be a great way of reinforcing GMI's mission with partners and UNFCCC at this critical time of transition.

**What Will Travelers Do:** The traveler will deliver a plenary presentation to an UNFCCC organized technical expert group focused on Non-CO<sub>2</sub> gases. The presentation will focus on global methane emissions with an emphasis on the opportunity to greatly

increase reductions and the work to-date in GMI to build methane reduction capacity in the global community.

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### **Traveler Qualifications:**

Mr. Ferland is the Co-Director of the Administrative Support Group (ASG) for the Global Methane Initiative Partnership. In this function he coordinates the U.S. government activities under Global Methane Initiative and manages the work of the ASG. He has directed the work of the GMI for over eight years and has an in-depth knowledge of the Initiative's effort to build global methane reduction capacity along with a deep understanding of the continuing opportunities in this arena and the barriers that are impeding much greater reductions.

**Benefit to EPA:** The international Global Methane Initiative Partnership is a key element of the US Government's international climate change strategy to promote development and deployment of cost-effective greenhouse gas emission reduction technologies. EPA is the lead US Government Agency for the Partnership and this effort with UNFCCC has the opportunity of expanding our work with existing partners and others in the future.

### **5. In-country sponsor and contact**

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### **6. Security Clearance:** None

### **7. Hotel Information**

Stern Hotel  
Markt 853111  
Bonn, Germany  
Ph: 49-0-228-72-670

### **8. Itinerary**

Ticket cost: \$2100

Monday Oct 20 – Depart IAD at 5:25 PM, United flight #989  
Arrive Frankfurt at 7:20 AM (Oct 21)

Tuesday Oct 21 – hrs)	Travel day, Arrive Frankfurt 12:00 PM. Train to Bonn (2
Wednesday Oct 22 –	Presentation, Meetings
Thursday	Travel day: Train to Frankfurt, Return via United flight #988 @ 12:20 PM to IAD. Arrive IAD at 3:20 PM

## **10. Passport and Visa Information**

Visa not needed

### Passport Information

HENRY FERLAND  
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OFFICE OF AIR AND RADIATION  
ISSUED AT PASSPORT CENTER, WASHINGTON DC  
LEVEL OF SECURITY CLEARANCE: NONE

**11. Funding Source:** Trip is being funded by NCPB – Global Methane Initiative  
Account (State Department)

**12. Emergency contact (s):**